

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
RONALD H. GORDON, ESQ. OF THE FIRM
DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK & COLE, LLP
TO SERVE AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick has a need to acquire professional services for a Township Attorney for 2014; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2013, the Township Council approved resolution 298-10.13 authorizing the solicitation of Requests for Proposals for said professional services; and

WHEREAS, services were procured in formal manner under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1a et seq. under both a fair and open and competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent received, and the Deputy Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of one proposal for said professional services on December 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee, designated to review proposals and make a recommendation, has completed the review process and included herein an Evaluation Report detailing their review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee recommends the award of contract PRO14003 to Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP who submitted a proposal in response to PRO14003 to provide professional services as Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of North Brunswick to enter into an agreement with Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP (Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Teaneck, NJ 07666) to serve in the position as Township Attorney for calendar year 2014; and

WHEREAS, DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP shall be compensated for these services at a blended hourly rate of \$150.00 for partners and associates, a blended hourly rate of \$75.00 for law clerks and paralegals, a blended hourly rate of \$175.00 for special projects, and reimbursable expenses in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for general matters exclusive of special projects services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that \$130,000.00 is available for this purpose in FY2014 Legal OE budget account 4-01-20-155-000-981 for general legal, excluding special services which shall be charged to the related accounts as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, for services ending June 30, 2014 and the balance shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in FY2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 1st day of January, 2014, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an agreement with Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP to serve as Township Attorney for 2014 with a contract authorization not to exceed \$250,000.00 for general legal matters exclusive of special projects services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune within 10 (ten) days after its passage.